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PARIS OR LONDON FOR AMBASSADOR AKINS

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SUBJ: CONTINUED WARNINGS FROM SAG SOURCES

SUMMARY: SAG SECOND-LEVEL SOURCES AND ADVISORS WORRIED AND NOT OPTIMISTIC. MINHEALTH FEELS U.S. ACTING AGAINST ITS OWN INTERESTS. DETENTE DOES NOT EXTEND TO NEAR EAST. SAUDIS NOT RPT NOT ASKING ISRAEL DISAPPEAR BUT SECSTATE PRESS CONFERENCE, REASONABLE THOUGH IT MAY BE, STILL NOT ENOUGH. MINOR PRINCES ACKNOWLEDGE U.S. ONLY COUNTRY THAT CAN SOLVE ARAB/ISRAEL DISPUTE TOMORROW BUT ANY INTERFERENCE ON SIDE OF ISRAEL WOULD CAUSE SAUDIS TO HAVE TO REACT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN LONG DISCUSSION WITH CURT RASCO OF USIS ENGLISH CENTER RIYADH ON OCT 13, SHEIKH JAMIL HUJAILAN, SAG MINISTER OF HEALTH, COMMENTED ON U.S., SOVIET AND ARAB ROLES IN THE PRESENT CRISIS. QUOTE I AM NOT OPTIMISTIC AT ALL--I AM REALLY QUITE WORRIED BY THE SITUATION. IT IS WORSE THAN I HAVE EVER ENCOUNTERED BEFORE, AND I ONLY HOPE THAT THE U.S. WILL DO SOMETHING TO SOLVE IT--ONLY THE U.S. ALONE, HAS THE POWER TO DO SO. UNQUOTE WHEN ASKED WHAT HE FELT THE U.S. SHOULD DO, HE REPLIED, QUOTE I DON'T REALLY KNOW--WHEN I DISCUSS AMERICAN POLICY WITH MY FRIENDS AND INTELLECTUALS, WE CONCLUDE THAT THE U.S. IS ACTING AGAINST ITS OWN INTEREST IN THE AREA, AND WE DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT. WE WANT TO REMAIN FRIENDS OF THE UNITED STATES, BUT YOUR POLICIES LEAVE US DEFENSELESS. UNQUOTE.

2. ON THE SOVIET UNION, SHEIKH JAMIL NOTED, QUOTE DETENTE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION DOES NOT EXTEND TO THE NEAR EAST. IN THE NEAR EAST THE SOVIET UNION IS NOT INTERESTED IN A SETTLEMENT. SO LONG AS ISRAEL EXISTS AND THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION IS UNRESOLVED, THE SOVIETS AND COMMUNISM HAVE AN ENTREE TO THE AREA. WE DO NOT ASK THAT ISRAEL DISAPPEAR AND CEASE TO EXIST--BUT WE DO ASK FOR ARAB LANDS TO BE RETURNED AND THE PALESTINIAN

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QUESTION TO BE RESOLVED. UNQUOTE. ON INVOLVEMENT IN THE CRISIS, SHEIKH JAMIL CONCLUDED THAT QUOTE NO ARAB LEADER CAN STAND ALOOF FROM THE WAR; NO ARAB LEADER CONTROLS THE MASSES AS COMPLETELY AS HE DID IN 1967. ALREADY IN KUWAIT TWO DAYS AGO A LABOR OFFICIAL CALLED FOR THE PEOPLE TO BE READY TO STOP PRODUCTION OF OIL AND DESTROY THE INSTALLATIONS. WHEN WE REACH THAT STAGE, THEN IT IS DANGEROUS AND NO ONE KNOWS WHERE IT MIGHT

END. UNQUOTE.

3. ON SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER'S PRESS CONFERENCE, SHEIKH JAMIL SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD DR. KISSINGER'S PRESS CONFERENCE ON VOA AND, TO BE FRANK ABOUT IT, EVERYTHING HE SAID SOUNDED REASONABLE--BUT STILL IT WAS NOT ENOUGH.

4. SHEIKH JAMIL WAS RELAXED, WARM AND HOSPITABLE. THE THRUST OF HIS CONVERSATION INDICATED CONCERN FOR THE DETERIORATION OF SAUDI AND ARAB ATTITUDES TOWARD THE UNITED STATES AND DESPAIR THAT U.S. POLICY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO REVERSE THAT TREND BEFORE SAUDI ARABIA'S RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. WERE IMPAIRED.

5. U.S. EDUCATED PRINCE MOHAMMAD BIN ABDULLA, GRANDSON OF KING AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TOLD RASCO OCT 12: QUOTE ARE YOU GOING TO INTERFERE ON THE SIDE OF ISRAEL? YOU CANNOT KEEP ON WITH THAT KIND OF POLICY. WE ARE YOUR FRIENDS TOO, AND YOU ARE GOING TO LOSE BOTH FRIENDS, THE ISRAELIS AND US, IF YOU CONTINUE THIS WAY. DO YOU EXPECT US TO GO WITH YOU ALL THE WAY TO THE END? WE CAN'T--IT'S EMBARRASSING TO US. YES WE WILL JOIN THE FIGHTING. AND WE WILL KEEP ON FIGHTING. EVEN IF ISRAEL TAKES DAMASCUS AND ALL OF SYRIA, WE WILL FIGHT. WE HAVE RESERVES AND RESOURCES THAT ISRAEL DOES NOT HAVE, AND IN THE END WE WILL WIN. YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND KING FAISAL. WHEN HE SAYS HE WILL DO SOMETHING, HE DOES IT. YESTERDAY HE SENT PRESIDENT NIXON A LETTER IN WHICH HE SAID SAUDI ARABIA WOULD STOP INCREASING THE PRODUCTION OF OIL IF THE UNITED STATES INTERFERES ON THE SIDE OF ISRAEL. NOT ONLY THAT, BUT PRODUCTION WOULD BE GRADUALLY REDUCED. YOU AMERICANS HAVE TO UNDERSTAND: YOU ARE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ONE COUNTRY THAT CAN SOLVE THE PROBLEM AND RESTORE THE LANDS TO THE ARAB COUNTRIES. YOU CAN SOLVE THE PROBLEM TOMORROW OR ALLOW IT TO DRAG ON FOR YEARS. YOU HAVE TO CHANGE YOUR POLICY--YOU ARE ONLY AN ECHO FOR ISRAEL; YOU REPEAT WHATEVER ISRAEL SAYS. END QUOTE.

6. COMMENT: PRINCE MOHAMMAD'S MOOD WAS CORDIAL AND WARM, SERIOUS AND BLUNT, AND HE BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF U.S. POLICY IN CONFLICT AND PURSUED IT. USIS ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTER CONTINUES TO ENJOY EASY AND CORDIAL ACCESS TO ALL OFFICIALS--FROM THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF CONTACTS TO THE LOWEST. STUDENTS ARE ATTENDING THE ELC CLASSES REGULARLY, THERE IS NO TENDENCY TO DISCUSS AMERICAN POLICY OR BRING IT UP IN A DISCUSSION OF THE WAR.

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